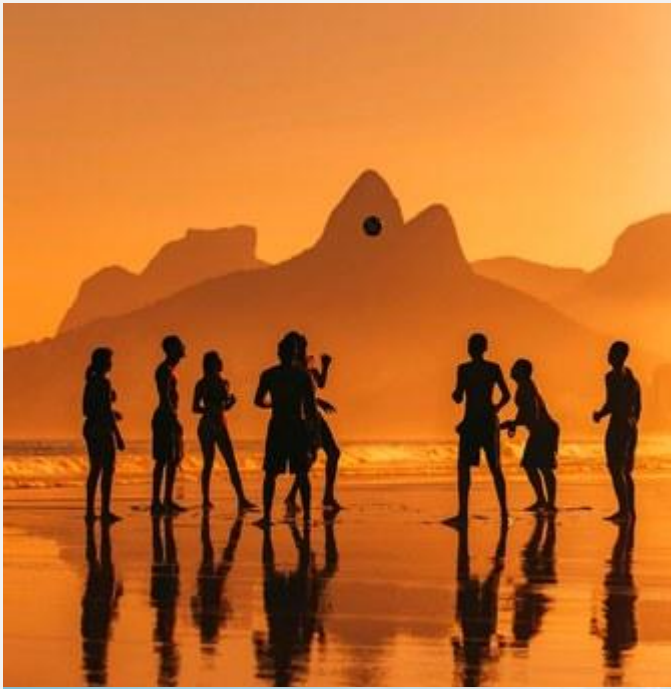




# Brazil Unlocked: Carnival Edition — Rio & Salvador

*Ten days through Rio de Janeiro and Salvador da Bahia — Carnival's biggest parades, Afro-Brazilian culture at its source, and a group that feels like yours from day one.*

## Rio de Janeiro • Salvador da Bahia

Departure: 4–13 February 2027 (Carnival in Rio, 7 February)

There's a version of Brazil that only exists for about ten days a year, and this is it. From the street blocos and Sambadrome parades of Rio at Carnival's peak, north to Salvador da Bahia — the spiritual home of Afro-Brazilian culture, where capoeira, Candomblé and samba-reggae aren't performances, they're daily life. Six nights in Rio timed around the Grupo Especial parades, three nights in Salvador's Pelourinho, and a domestic flight between the two.

### Day by day

#### DAYS 1-6: RIO DE JANEIRO (CARNIVAL)

**Day 1** Arrival Ipanema/Copacabana, orientation walk past Posto 9, welcome dinner.

**Day 2** Christ the Redeemer at Corcovado; afternoon free; evening's first street bloco.

**Day 3** Santa Teresa, Selarón Steps, Little Africa/Pedra do Sal; one of Carnival's biggest street parties.

**Day 4** Grupo Especial parade night at the Sambadrome (1 ticket included); quiet day beforehand to save the energy.

**Day 5** Capoeira roda with a local mestre; community arts project in a favela; blocos or an Ipanema sunset.

**Day 6** Free morning (waterfall hike or Copacabana walk); caipirinha-making session; last bloco & beach sunset.

#### DAYS 7-10: SALVADOR DA BAHIA

**Day 7** Domestic flight to Salvador; check-in Pelourinho; orientation walk through the colonial centre.

**Day 8** Bahian cooking class (moqueca, acarajé); evening live samba-reggae in a neighbourhood bar.

**Day 9** Free morning at Porto da Barra beach or the old town; farewell dinner.

**Day 10** Departure from Salvador da Bahia for onward international connections.



### What's included

- ✓ Small Group Travel: never more than 15 people
- ✓ A Lead Explorer for the whole trip
- ✓ 9 Nights in upper-scale or boutique hotels, double room to share, breakfast included
- ✓ Welcome Dinner & Closing Dinner
- ✓ Domestic flight: Rio de Janeiro → Salvador da Bahia (incl. 1 checked bag, 20kg)
- ✓ Rio de Janeiro: capoeira roda & escola de samba rehearsal
- ✓ Rio de Janeiro: Christ the Redeemer visit
- ✓ Rio de Janeiro: 1 night at the Sambadrome (Carnival event)
- ✓ Salvador: Bahian cooking class

### What's not included

- ✗ International flights to Rio de Janeiro and from Salvador da Bahia
- ✗ Transfer to/from the airport on the first and final day
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in "what's included"
- ✗ Extra activities or optional add-ons suggested by Lead Explorer

### Available add-ons

- + Second night Sambadrome grandstand ticket (Carnival)
- + Guided hike to a Tijuca Forest waterfall
- + Bay of All Saints boat trip & island-hopping (Salvador)

### Pricing

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| 1 person in Double Room (sharing) | <b>£2,390</b> (deposit £358) |
| 1 person in Private Room          | <b>£2,815</b> (deposit £425) |

**Group size:** 10–15 travellers. **Lead Explorer:** included on every departure.